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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
INTRAVENOUS BOLUS OF
MEDICATION**

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Purpose: To deliver medication directly into the blood stream for rapid distribution to the rest of the body		Indications: Patients with IV access who need medication administration	
Advantages: Delivers medication rapidly to the circulatory system for distribution throughout the body	Disadvantages: Must have IV access	Complications: Irritation to the vein by medication injected Extravasation of medication into subQ tissue if IV infiltrates	Contraindications: Infiltration of IV line Injury to the venous system proximal to the injection site

